



Amended Cottonwood Campground Repair Decision Notice

September 21, 2020

To whom it may concern:

A Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared for repairs at Cooney State Park's Cottonwood Campground. The draft EA was circulated for 20 days and legal notices were published in the Billings Gazette, Helena Independent Record, Carbon County News, Northern Broadcasting Radio as well as posted on the Montana State Parks website.

Comments were received only from the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC). The draft EA was amended and finalized on 09/15/2020 to reflect comments from DNRC.

As the responsible official, it is my decision to proceed with the preferred proposed action, Alternative B. The twofold action will salvage existing failed riprap and reuse as riprap armoring for the roadway to prevent total loss of road and rebuild the eroded campsites using compacted fill and installing a tied concrete block mat along the exposed shorelines of each individual campsite in the Cottonwood campground. The lakeshore repairs will protect a state asset, enable the park to re-open the currently closed campsites, prevent further soil erosion and undercutting of the banks within the campground, and create a safer place for the public to access the water. The infrastructure locations will be as shown in the environmental assessment.

If you have questions regarding this decision, please address them to Marina Yoshioka at myoshioka@mt.gov or call her at (406) 445-2326. Thank you for your interest in Cooney State Park.

Sincerely,

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